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## Mississippian Named Asst. RA Secretary



Frank Black

Frank Black of Brookhaven has been named Assistant Royal Ambassador Secretary. This announcement was made in Memphis by Dr. George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission. The election of Black as assistant to Eddie Hurt, Royal Ambassador Secretary, was the result of action by the Brotherhood Commission upon a recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention's joint committee on the promotion of Royal Ambassador work.

"We are convinced that Frank Black has been led under God's spirit to this important post in Southern Baptist life," Dr. Schroeder stated in making the announcement. "Our seeking

## Record To Have Child's Page

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP)

Children are coming into their own so far as the state Baptist papers are concerned. Beginning with the issue of April 7, 1955, The Baptist Record will include one page of stories, puzzles, and poetry written especially for boys and girls.

The page will include character building stories, human interest articles, nature and science stories, poems, games, puzzles, and things to do and make.

The material is presented in co-operation with the Baptist Press, a Southern Baptist news agency that serves state papers. The material will be selected and edited by Mrs. William S. Davis of Nashville, Tenn.

Ideas and suggestions concerning the children's page should be sent to Editor A. L. Goodrich, Baptist Record, Baptist Building, Jackson, Miss.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Davis is married to the son of Dr. W. P. Davis, Flora pastor. She is the former Francis Mangrum and was reared at Terry.

For such a man has been prayerful and diligent. Mr. Black feels that the Royal Ambassador endeavor is where he should plant his life. We feel certain (Continued on Page 2)

## State WMU Convention Has Record Attendance

### Assembly Speaker



Loyd Corder and Joe

Dr. Loyd Corder (with Joe the Baptist), superintendent of direct missions, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will be one of the speakers at the State Pastors' Assembly and Association of Clerks will also be held that week.

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### Executive Committee Meets On Gulf Coast Okehs New Workers

Departing from the usual custom of meeting in Jackson, the Executive Committee of the Convention Board held its March meeting in Long Beach on March 22.

The Committee voted to allocate funds for the purchase of property at Minter City in Leflore Association, D' Iberville in Jackson Association, Pearlinton in Gulf Coast Association, Lizana, DeLisle, and Pass Christian Isles in Gulf Coast Association.

W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary, and Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion, were named Pro-tem Executive Secretary and Editor of the Baptist Record, respectively while Secretary Quarles and Editor Goodrich are away in connection with attendance at the Baptist World Alliance.

It was voted that the election of a Secretary of Evangelism be deferred for the present and that the promotion of evangelism be done by the Office (Continued on Page 2)

## Membership Now Totals 80,000

A fine spirit, high attendance, excellent reports and a strong program featured the 77th annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, which was held last week at the First Church, Jackson.

Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, was reelected as president, with new state officers elected including Mrs. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, stewardship chairman and Mrs. J. T. Lyons, McComb, vice president.

Final registration figure was 1636 as compared to 1619 last year. Jackson First Church was announced as next year's meeting place with the time not selected.

"There Is a Road" was the theme of the convention, emphasizing missions at home as well as abroad. Reports were excellent. The membership of the W. M. U., including its organizations, approximates 80,000. Last year a total of \$304,366.36 was contributed to mission causes.

### B. W. C. BANQUET

More than 350 attended the state Business Woman's Circle

Federation banquet, which was held in the new banquet hall of the host church Tuesday evening, just prior to the opening of the convention.

Presiding was Mrs. Tommy Hale, Pontotoc, state chairman, with Mrs. J. L. Moon as the featured speaker.

Other state B. W. C. officers present included: Miss Eleanor Bridges, Belzoni, co-chairman; Mrs. Hershell George, Pontotoc, secretary; and Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson, advisor.

State B. W. C. chairman present were: Misses Irene Laird, Florence, stewardship; Miss Lorene Bridges, Raymond, mission study; and Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, community missions.

Out-of-state speakers included Miss Juliette Mather, secretary of publications, Birmingham; Mrs. Ira L. Marks, missionary from Salt Lake City; Mrs. J. L. Moon, missionary to Brazil and Miss Virginia Wingo, missionary to Italy.

### OFFICERS REELECTED

State officers reelected were: (Continued on Page 2)

## Mississippi Baptists Show Gains In Every Area Of Work in Past Year

Mississippi Baptists now number 421,917, a gain of 8,403 over a year ago, according to latest figures just released by J. P. Edmunds, statistician for the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Figures compiled from the 1954 associational minutes reveal that Mississippi Baptists made great strides during 1954

over 1953 and showed an increase in every area of work.

Baptisms for 1954 totaled 16,448, as compared to 16,280 a year ago.

Baptist churches in the state now number 1715, the largest number in history. Additions by letter totaled 24,331 in 1954.

The complete table follows:

### Comparative Mississippi Baptist Statistics

	1953.	1954
Church Membership	413,514	421,917
Churches	1,696	1,715
Baptisms	16,280	16,448
Sunday School Enrollment	255,349	277,838
Training Union Enrollment	112,070	122,126
W. M. U. Enrollment	55,422	59,656
Brotherhood Enrollment	10,509	11,395
Mission gifts	\$1,964,980	\$2,164,840
Total gifts	12,589,148	13,367,132
Value Church Property	46,311,313	54,796,408



PRINCIPAL OFFICERS of the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union elected at their annual convention in Jackson last week are, first row, left to right, Mrs. J. T. Lyons, McComb, vice-president, Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, president, Mrs. W. B. Halliday, Jackson, secretary; standing same order, Mrs. Chester Quarles, Jackson, stewardship chairman, Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, community missions chairman, Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Missions study chairman.



## State WMU...

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Mission study chairman, Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland; B. W. C. Federation Chairman, Mrs. Tommy Hale, Pontotoc; Carver School trustee, Mrs. W. L. Compere, Newton; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Geo. W. Riley, Clinton; Executive secretary-treasurer, Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson; Young People's secretary, Miss Nell Taylor, Jackson.

Elected as state member of convention - wide nominating committee was Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, with Mrs. W. L. Carpenter, Pontotoc, alternate.

New District young people's counselors elected included Mrs. W. E. Hanna, Clinton, District One, and Miss Amy Stepp, North Carrollton, for District Three. All others, including district chairman, were reelected.

Representatives were present from many of the 1076 Woman's Missionary societies in the state.

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## Executive...

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of Executive Secretary until the position is filled.

Rev. Luther S. Litchfield was approved as B. S. U. Secretary for East Mississippi Junior College at Scooba and Miss Faye Wilkes for the same position at Blue Mountain College. The Committee also approved Rev. E. L. Howell as Associational Missionary for Mississippi Association.

Committee members present were: Rev. Van Hardin, Rev. Roy Collum, Dr. Earl Kelly, Rev. Glenn Smith, Dr. John Barnes, Jr., Rev. Gordon Sansing, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

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## Mississippian...

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that we have been led very definitely to find him."

Black, a native Mississippian, is a member of the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven. He is a deacon and a man of varied experience in his church. Service in churches across the years includes leadership in Brotherhood, Royal Ambassadors, Sunday School and Training Union.

At the time of his election, Mr. Black 36, was a field scout executive for the Boy Scouts of America. His professional training includes extensive courses in the Scout Leaders School at Mendham, New Jersey. He served as captain in the Air Corps during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Black will assume his new duties with the Brotherhood Commission office in Memphis on May 1.

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There were eight additions Sunday, March 20, the first Sunday of the pastorate of Rev. Joe Hudson at First Church, Hollandale. Open house was held on Sunday afternoon and

## Southside, Jackson Observes Pastor's 8th Anniversary

Sunday, March 20 marked the eighth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of Southside Church, Jackson.

The church has shown remarkable growth. The present building has been constructed; the auditorium remodeled; a church office built; and property added.

A church bus has been purchased and a total of 1300 people have united with the church.

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## London Crusade To Be Shown At Clarke College

"LONDON CRUSADE," an hour-long documentary of the three-month campaign held by Evangelist Billy Graham, will be shown April 1, in the Clarke College Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Filmed entirely in English, "LONDON CRUSADE" is Britain's own story of the three-month Billy Graham campaign.

Beginning with scenes of the Grahams' arrival at Waterloo Station, the film moves on to the opening night at Harringay Arena. It then covers the entire series of history-making services, concluding with the great White City and Wembley Stadium meetings, where a total of 200,000 gathered for the closing rallies of the Crusade.

The doors to the auditorium at Clarke College will be opened at 7:00 p.m. with the service beginning at 7:30 p.m. All seats are on a "first-come basis", with no admission charge.

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## Ludlow Church Burns To Ground

Ludlow Church, Scott County, was almost totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin, at 8:00 p. m., March 24. The building was completed in 1949 of block and brick construction, and was valued at \$50,000. Insurance coverage was \$10,000.

The new pastor's home located about 50 feet from the church building, was not ignited, due to the prompt response of the Morton and Carthage fire departments, who because of distance arrived too late to successfully combat the blaze. No furnishings were saved.

The pastor's office equipment and books were also destroyed, along with valuable church records. While rebuilding the Ludlow Church plans to meet in the public school building. Basic plans for restoration of the building is already in effect.

Rev. Nat Mayhall is the pastor.

the pastor and family were greeted with an overflowing pantry.

## Speakers Table At BWC Federation Banquet



Shown above is the speakers table at the annual banquet of the B. W. C. Federation held last week in connection with the State W. M. U. Convention at the First Church in Jackson. Left to right: Mrs. D. P. Godman, Jackson, local arrangements chairman; Miss Irene Laird, Florence, stewardship chairman; Mrs. Ira Marks, missionary from Salt Lake City; Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson, state W. M. U. executive secretary; Mrs. Tommy Hale, Pontotoc

state B. W. C. Federation chairman and presiding officer; Mrs. J. L. Moon, missionary to Brazil, and principal speaker; Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, state W. M. U. president; Miss Juliette Mather, Birmingham, convention-wide W. M. U. editorial secretary; Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, state B. W. C. community missions chairman; Miss Lorene Bridges, Raymond, state B. W. C. mission study chairman, Mrs. Hershell George, Pontotoc, state B. W. C. Secretary.

## 23 Churches Reach Hospital Fund Quota

Twenty-three Baptist churches throughout Mississippi have indicated their desire to participate in the \$500,000 state-wide campaign for the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building Fund. The churches listed below are in addition to the 26 churches that previously reported their participation.

Several of the new churches reporting are giving larger amounts than the quotas suggested to them.

The following churches have accepted their quotas: The Rev. Joe Mongle, Peach Creek Church, Como; The Rev. Trennis F. Grubbs, Evansville Church, Coldwater; The Rev. Jimmie Garrison, Sarah Church, Sarah; The Rev. James W. Carpenter, Oil City Church, Benton; The Rev. James W. Carpenter, Providence Church, Benton; The Rev. L. E. Moon, Lowland Chapel Church, Minter City; The Rev. C. Carman Sharp, Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale; The Rev. Frank Morgan, Jr., Springdale Church, West; The Rev. E. A. Autry, Country Church, Lamar; The Rev. R. L. Louk, Dry Creek Church, Florence; The Rev. Lauren Locke, North Cross Roads Church, Iuka; The Rev. Sam M. Brown, Ackerman Church, Ackerman; The Rev. B. J. Broomie, Gunnison Church, Gunnison; The Rev. Ewart A. Autry, Pine Grove Church, Hickory Flat; The Rev. H. E. Hight, Hickory Grove Church, Coldwater.

The following churches have indicated they will act on their quotas at a later date: The Rev. Elton Barlow, Derma Church, Derma; The Rev. Elton Barlow, Duncan Hill Church, Derma; The Rev. Cornelius DeBlock, Southside Church, Columbus; The Rev. Wilford M. Lee, First

## Senate Kills Parochial Bill

MONTPELIER, Vt. — (RNS) — By a 17-22 vote the Vermont Senate killed a bill to transport private and parochial school students at public expense.

During lengthy debate, legislators reviewed arguments for and against the proposal which have raged throughout the state since the measure was introduced by Sen. E. Frank Branon, Democratic candidate for governor in 1954. Spectators crowded every nook and corner of the Senate.

Sen. Branon himself served as chief spokesman for the bill. Opposition was led by Sen. Graham Newell of St. Johnsbury.

Sen. Newell said the public school system was the cornerstone of our form of government. He contended that the state had discharged its obligation in providing transportation to schools supported by public funds.

Other opponents charged the measure could be an "entering wedge" leading to "breakdown of the separation of Church and State."

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## Myrick Freedom Has Successful Revival

Rev. W. P. Blair, pastor of South Laurel Church, was the evangelist in the revival meeting held at Myrick Freedom March 13-20.

There were 6 additions, three by baptism and 40 rededications. Rev. P. D. Lott is the pastor.

Church, Leland; The Rev. R. T. B. Leavell, Newton Church, Newton; The Rev. R. Elton Johnson, Jr., Siloh Church; The Rev. C. M. Day, First Church, Durant.

## In Kansas City Meet

Rev. Carl O. Estes, pastor First Baptist Church, Mount Olive, will be guest evangelist during the simultaneous revival campaign in the Northern zone, April 10th to April 24th.

He will serve with Pastor George Duckworth and the Haven Church, Kansas City. This will be the fourteenth State in which he has preached.

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## Comic Books — Good Or Bad?

This is a visual age. Some of the nation's best-selling magazines, such as Life and Look, make extensive use of pictures. (And indeed pictures add to the looks and readability of any paper or magazine). Filmstrips, motion pictures, television—all are a part of our present-day living.

But the use of pictures to tell stories and to capture the interest of man is not a new thing. The Stone Age man drew pictures on the walls of his cave. Pictures carved on stone have been found buried in the earth telling stories of lost civilizations.

Pictures fascinate, both young and old alike. Ninety-eight per cent of all children between eight and twelve read comics. Many young people and adults also read comics. It has been estimated that seventy million comics MONTHLY are sold in America today!

There is nothing wrong in reading a good, clean comic strip—be it in a newspaper or in a comic book. But comic books are faster reading and the habit of reading the better comics may lead children to move over to the reading of the more dramatic crime comics. The bad are sold along with the good. And a child who loves to read may read any kind he can beg, buy, or borrow.

Children get used to reading the fast-moving picture scenes and get impatient with solid pages of print. But this factor of slowing down the child's reading ability is added to a far more serious danger. It cannot be denied that crime comics are having vast influence on juvenile delinquency and crime in this nation today.

Readers' Digest in an article with the subtitle, "Blueprints for Delinquency," cited the following crimes attributed to the reading of comic books:

"1. Three boys, six to eight years old, took a boy of seven, hanged him nude from a tree, his hands tied behind him, then burned him with matches. Investigation officers found that the boys were reenacting a comic book plot.

"2. A boy of 11 killed a woman in a holdup. When arrested, he was found surrounded by comic books.

"3. A boy of 13 committed a 'lust murder' of a girl of six. Arrested and jailed, he asked only for comic books."

Civic drives in many cities have begun a stand against crime comics. We challenge Christian parents to place in the hands of their children good, clean Christian reading. Books with pictures? Yes, and plenty of them! But not cheap pictures of violence, brutality, and filth. Not books that are filled with gory language.

We challenge Christian parents to teach their children to be able to choose for themselves to be lovers of the good literature in place of the bad. Teach them to appreciate heroes of truth and courage and valor, not of robbery, torture, and murder.

And teach them to appreciate the Book of Books—the Bible.

## "Bear Ye Another's"

On another page is the saddening news of the destruction by fire of the Ludlow Church building. Also destroyed was the pastor's books.

Books are part of a preacher's daily tools.

We read in Holy Writ that we are to bear one another's burdens. Now is a good time.

Most Mississippi preachers can spare one or more books. We plan to send to the Ludlow pastor, Rev. Nat Mayhall, a package of books. We urge others to do likewise. It will help him when he needs it and do you good in having helped a brother in need.

—BR—

## Is Your Pastor Graduating?

Spring has come and graduation time will soon be here.

Many churches have pastors who are graduating from college or the seminary.

It would be a fine thing for these churches to remember their pastor with a graduation present or presents.

Such an expression of appreciation for your pastor may meet a real financial need. And he will not soon forget your expression of love for him as God's representative to you.

—BR—

## Our Annual Appeal

Since we became editor in 1941, we have made an annual appeal to all the Boards, committees and individuals to publicize any new matter that will come before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We renew that appeal. It is not fair to introduce some new matter and expect the people to act on it within a few minutes. Therefore we urge anyone who is planning to introduce resolutions or ask for action that will cause any change to publicize these proposals in the Baptist Record. And, the sooner the better.

If everyone who has something new to propose waits until the week before or two weeks before the convention, we will not have space for them. Therefore, send them now.

As we have emphasized many times before, if our Conventions are worth while they deserve the very best thought.

The usual custom is for a report to be distributed, a few remarks are made explaining the meaning of the report and accompanying recommendations. The vote is then taken with at least one-half of the people not knowing what they are voting for.

Serious and careful consideration under such circumstances is impossible. Let's publicize these things.

—BR—

## TRY CLEAN HANDS

In ages past when a nation sinned God punished them. The Old Testament is full of examples of straying nations reaping the results of their wild oats.

Just because this is 1955 and not Old Testament times is no reason for our nation to expect preferred



treatment. We quote below from a recent news dispatch:

"Army headquarters in Europe have released the fact that \$5,600,000 in profits from the selling of liquor to American troops in Europe had been deposited in the Armed Forces Welfare fund."

In other words, this indicates that our government is in the liquor business.

It is bad enough to take our boys away from home, away from school, and away from their jobs and carry them to the four corners of the earth without helping to make drunkards of many of them.

Our government ought not to be in the liquor business.

—BR—

## Our Readers Write

The Editor, NEWSWEEK  
152 West 42nd Street  
New York 36, New York

Dear Editor,

I believe you have done a great injustice to the members of the Southern Baptist Convention by classing them as Protestants and also by including them in your article with the National Council of Churches. We are NOT Protestants. Protestants are those that came out of the Reformation touched off by Martin Luther. We as Baptists came out of New Testament Christianity. The Southern Baptist Convention is made up of individual local Baptist Churches and therefore there is no way for the Southern Baptist Convention to join the National Council of Churches. Each individual Church would have to join as a local Church. You mention "Billy Graham and his church (the Southern Baptist Convention)." The Southern Baptist Convention is not a Church. The Southern Baptist Convention is composed of 29,899 local and independent Churches.

You certainly have not exalted our greatest preachers of the Southern

Baptist Convention by classing them with some who deny the very fundamentals of New Testament Christianity. We believe as Southern Baptists in the Virgin Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ; the blood atonement of Christ as the only way of salvation; the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures; the Bible as our sole authority; and many other fundamental teachings which some of those "Ten Greatest Preachers" do not believe.

I do not know who wrote this Special Report, but I do know that the writer didn't know much about Southern Baptists, and I believe you ought to see to it that these corrections are made.

Sincerely,  
Aubrey L. Moore, Pastor  
Shubuta Baptist Church  
Shubuta, Mississippi

Comment: This is a copy of a letter written by Mr. Moore to Newsweek magazine.

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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have many read it.



## Negro And White Churches Unite In N. O. Crusade

Negro and white Baptist of New Orleans united in a Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, March 6-20, for the first time in their history. A total of 119 Baptist churches conducted Revivals at the same time. There were 54 white churches and 65 negro churches cooperating. A joint steering committee representing both groups was headed by Dr. W. R. Fussell, Pastor of Gentilly Church (white), and the Rev. A. L. Davis, Pastor of New Zion Church (colored).

During the two weeks' Revival, the cumulative total attendance was 175,202 and the visible results were 1,369 additions to the churches—803 of these came upon profession of faith. One feature of the Crusade was "High Attendance Day" in Sunday School on March 13.

So successful was this cooperative undertaking that a committee was set up to consider the advisability of launching a similar Simultaneous Crusade next year. The opportunity for fellowship afforded during the Crusade and the mutual assistance the groups gave to one another greatly strengthened the cause of Christ in a city traditionally known as predominantly Roman Catholic.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new subscriptions from the Mulberry Church, Lodi, in Humphreys County.

THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

## Riverside, Money Plans Revival



REV. ROGER M. SNIPES

Rev. Roger Snipes, senior at New Orleans Seminary, will lead the revival services to be held at Riverside Church, Monday, on April 3-10. He is a native of South Carolina and is pastor at Foxworth.

The pastor, Rev. Evan Williams, will lead the singing.

—BR—

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Willie Meador, Laurel; Mrs. Elton Odom, Laurel; Mrs. Willard Jenkins, Laurel; Mrs. Milton Morgan, Ellisville; Mrs. Boyd Brewer, Ellisville; Mrs. A. T. Walker, Ellisville; Rev. Fred E. Pohl, Wilkinson; Mrs. Lula McGaughey, Prentiss; Mrs. R. E. McDonald, Prentiss; Mrs. C. C. Gilmore, Benton; Mrs. L. B. Hilderbrand, Benton; Mrs. J. D. O'Mara, Long Beach; Mrs. Frank Wharton, Pass Christian; Rev. Foy Rogers, Pontotoc.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 27, 1955

Canton,		
Center Terrace	323	187
Hattiesburg,		
Main Street	976	492
Jackson, Calvary	1423	440
Clarksdale	428	179
Laurel, First	594	194
Hattiesburg,		
38th Avenue	162	84
Jackson, Southside	361	171
Jackson, Van Winkle	564	313
Jackson,		
Daniel Memorial	721	361
Briar Hill (Rankin)	69	45
Jackson, West	333	163
Poahontas	50	
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	185	105
Flowood	89	98
Jackson, Highland	100	68
Jackson, Hillcrest	207	139
Jackson, Broadmoor	525	192
Jackson, First	1379	467
Jackson, Parkway	1005	560
Jackson, Crestwood	635	429
Biloxi, East Howard	189	114
Gulfport, First	907	329
New Sight (Lincoln)	112	61
Yazoo City, First	489	158
Brookhaven, First	746	288
Main	620	212
Southway	82	50
Halbert Heights	44	26
Brookhaven,		
Hamilton St.	121	73
Pleasant Ridge		
(Chickasaw)	91	77
Horn Lake	175	91
Bluff Springs (Pike)	58	73
Houston, First	285	153
Amity (Chickasaw)	56	64
Concord (Choctaw)	95	98
Grenada, Emmanuel	253	124
Fellowship (Choctaw)	95	90
Louisville, West End	61	55
Murphy Creek		
(Winston)	119	107
Vicksburg, First	554	196
Crystal Springs	602	207
Lucedale	337	173
Corinth, Tate St.	287	80
Wheeler Grove		
(Alcorn)	144	148
Charleston, First	372	149
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	598	121
Laurel, Second Ave.	537	337
Bethlehem (Jones)	157	120
Laurel, Highland	190	100
Laurel, Harmony	172	72
Picayune, First	542	186
Petal-Harvey	350	157
Main School	305	
Harvey	24	
Richton Road	21	
Ellisville, West	134	82
Edwards	120	55
Starkville, First	733	321
Grenada, First	749	232
Crowder	192	136
Ruleville	302	140
Calvary (Alcorn)	96	65
Glenfield (Union		
County)	100	103
Meridian, 41st Ave.	383	193
Stonewall	164	130
Bay St. Louis, First	115	56
Hattiesburg, Temple	176	
Meridian, Eastview	222	142
Greenwood, Calvary	511	198
Spanish Fort	50	45
Soso, First	103	93
Seminary, Union, Sr.	107	110
Meridian,		

Oakland Heights	269	136
Ruth	56	54
Columbia, First	748	340
Main School	677	306

South Columbia		
Mission	71	34
Brookhaven,		
Pearlhaven	156	58
Morton	279	111
Main School	264	
Mission	15	
Newton, First	468	204
Fair River (Lincoln)	94	61
Springfield (Scott)	93	60
Richland (Rankin)	181	66
Jackson, Alta Woods	660	250
Potts Camp	110	37
West Point, Calvary	240	161
Cleveland, First	565	
Main School	511	
Shady Oak Mission	17	
Chinese Mission	37	
Sallis	90	35
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	119	72
Union, First	352	140
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	36	
Skene	119	78
Hernando, First	177	104
Kosciusko, First	823	364
Main School	810	
Maple Mission	13	
Longview (Oktibbeha)	116	123
Pascagoula, First	670	298
Main School	584	217
McArthur Chapel	41	37
Orange Grove Chap.	45	44
Pleasant Ridge		
(Holmes)	69	49
Cleveland, Immanuel	156	110
Columbia, Improve	127	77
Wayside (Yalobusha)	47	56
New Albany, First	624	140
Northside Mission	76	33
McComb, Locust St.	100	57
New Prospect		
(Desoto)	150	111
Olive Branch	156	96
Ripley	227	85

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Pleasant Ridge		
(Holmes)	74	59
Gillsburg	167	163
Morton (Scott)	303	138
Main	289	
Mission	14	
Calhoun City, First	370	148
Gulfport, Grace		
Memorial	256	72
Petal-Harvey	489	167
Main School	434	
Harvey	41	
Richton Road	14	
West Point, Calvary	255	143
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	58	34
McComb, Friendship	217	97
Ripley, First	317	115
Picayune, First	619	175
Charleston, First	346	148
Glenfield (Union		
County)	100	94
Louisville, West End	74	67

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First Church, Lambert, Rev. Joseph A. Mayer, pastor, has recently completed ten days of revival services. The evangelist was Rev. Eugene C. Garrison of First Church, Phillips, Texas. The song leader was Buford Adams, Lambert. There were eight professions of faith, two rededications, and two young ladies surrendered for full-time Christian service.

## Youth Rally Set For Newton County

The young people of the 32 churches of the Newton County Association will meet at 7:15 p. m., Saturday, April 2, at the First Church of Newton for the Baptist Youth Rally.

This is sponsored by the Training Union Department and will be a kick-off for Youth Week that will be observed by all of the churches in the Association.

There will be six seminars held at 7:30 that will interest the youth. They are entitled: Christian Youth Facing the Future, Christian Recreation, Love-Courtship, Finding God's Will, Christian Home-making, and Baptist Doctrines. They will be led by leaders in our association.

Henry Luke, a student of E. C. J. C. Decatur, and president of the BSU, will preside.

The music will be under the leadership of Charlie Long, a student at Clarke College, Newton, the pianist will be Robert Townsend of Clarke, and the organist will be Martha Barnett of Newton. Special music will be presented by the Girl's Ensembles of Newton and Decatur.

The inspirational message will be delivered by Rev. Russell McIntire, pastor of the Clinton Church, Pastor Advisor of the State BSU council.

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## 15-Year Circulation Rise Noted For Baptist Papers

(By Baptist Press)

You have to multiply the 1940 circulation figure by six, then add a few more thousand, to reach the present-day circulation total of Southern Baptist state papers.

A report prepared for the forthcoming Southern Baptist Convention session at Miami, Fla., by the Committee on the Circulation Campaign for Baptist State Papers fixes the 1955 circulation total at 1,157,144.

The total circulation for Baptist papers in 1940, the year the committee on circulation was set up, was only 190,000. One of the state papers, the Baptist Standard, published in

Texas, now has almost 100,000 more subscribers than the total of all Baptist papers in '40.

According to the report of the committee, headed by Louie D. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., the Texas paper, with 287,170 subscribers is the largest of the twenty-two published in the Convention. No other paper has exceeded the 100,000 mark.

Second in circulation is the Baptist Courier, published in South Carolina, with 89,850 subscribers. Mississippi's Baptist Record is in third place with a circulation of 86,317, followed by the Christian Index, Georgia state paper, with 82,330.

## Graham Opens Scottish Crusade To Packed Hall

GLASGOW — (RNS) — More than 15,000 persons packed Kelvin Hall, Scotland's biggest auditorium, for the opening of evangelist Billy Graham's six-week Scottish Crusade.

Another 3,500 heard and watched him over a closed-circuit TV in a nearby building.

Many thousands more gathered in 450 churches and meeting houses all over Scotland and England to hear his address

over a telephone-relay hookup that authorities of the British Post Office said was the largest such private circuit it had ever connected.

Through it, even groups in the Shetland and Channel Islands heard the American evangelist, with his words coming to them over submarine cables.

Among the thousands in Kelvin Hall were hundreds who

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### Fairchild Ordained



Rev. Leonard J. Fairchild

Leonard J. Fairchild, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fairchild of Meridian, route one, was ordained to the gospel ministry at New Hope Church of Lauderdale County March 20. His pastor is Rev. D. L. Stennis.

Ordination Council was composed of Dr. Walter L. Moore First Church, Meridian; Rev. C. C. Cornelius of Laurel Hill Church of Neshoba County and Deacons of New Hope Church. The Rev. Mr. Cornelius delivered the charge and the pastor preached the sermon.

He was recently called to pastor the Indian Springs and Hinds churches in Winston County. At the present time he is deacon and Sunday School Superintendent of his Church.

had traveled long distances by train, bus and private car from the barren western highlands, the rich farmlands of eastern and southwestern Scotland and the industrial centers around Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Some 2,000 of these, unable to get tickets for the opening rally, stood for nearly five hours in a chilling snowstorm outside Kelvin Hall just to get a glimpse of Dr. Graham on his arrival there.

Dr. Graham's sermon, delivered with unusual emphasis and at greater length than customary with him, brought 470 listeners to the front of the hall to "give witness for Christ." Officials of the Graham evangelistic team said it was the largest number ever to come forward at an opening meeting in any of his campaigns.

In his sermon, the evangelist recalled that he was of Scottish extraction and that his parents, when they emigrated to Pennsylvania, had brought their Bible with them and set up a Christian home.

"But Christianity is not just a matter of going to church on Sunday," he told the hushed audience. "It is living for Christ 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

"And becoming a Christian is not just a great-sweeping emotion, but hearing the call of Christ with mind and will as

### Hear The Baptist Hour

Radio Stations in Mississippi carrying the Baptist Hour each Sunday are:

WDOB, Canton—5:00 P. M.; WGLC, Centerville—4:30 P. M.; WCLD, Cleveland—4:30 P. M.; WCJU, Columbia —; WACR, Columbus—2:30 P. M.; WFOR, Hattiesburg—10:15 P. M.; WMBC, Macon—2:30 P. M.; WAPF, McComb — 9:00 A. M.; WCOC, Meridian — 5:00 P. M.; WPMP, Pascagoula—3:00 P. M.; WRJW, Picayune — 1:00 P. M.; WELO, Tupelo—Sat.—8:30 A. M.; and WABO, Waynesboro—4:00 P. M.

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well as emotion."

Two nights before the Graham campaign opened here several hundred persons joined at Edinburgh's Charlotte Baptist chapel in an all-night prayer meeting for the success of the Scottish Crusade. Seven ministers of different Protestant denominations took turns in addressing the meeting and leading it in prayers. The evangelistic campaign has the backing of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and most other Protestant Churches.

At a press conference on his arrival in Glasgow, Dr. Graham declined to comment on a number of matters including the Formosa question, Princess Margaret, and marriage and divorce in general.

"Two years ago in my immaturity I made statements which continue to embarrass me even now," he said. "I do not intend to make any more such mistakes in the future."

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Bluford is active in Sunday School, B. T. U. and church and attends the midweek prayer service. He is also president of the Intermediate Royal Ambassadors.

Rev. Jasper Neel is his pastor.

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### Center Terrace Canton, Adds 21

There were 21 additions during the revival recently held at Center Terrace Church, Canton. Two young ladies dedicated their lives to definite Christian service. Thirteen of the additions came on profession of faith and eight on transfer of letter.

Rev. Thurman Booth, Valence Street Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, was evangelist and Roland Boyd of Evans, Georgia directed the music.

Rev. Solmie I. Smith is the pastor.

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### Dear Begins Work At Hospital Church

Rev. H. L. Dear began his pastorate at Hopewell Church in Franklin County March 17.

The pastor, and family found a well-filled pantry. Plans are underway for a spring revival with the pastor preaching.

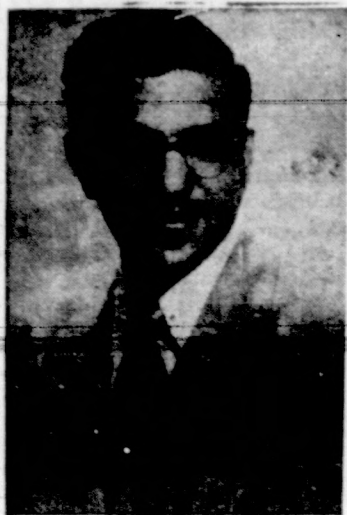
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Rustam Zal

The congress for south Mississippi will be April 15-16 at First Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

The congress for north Mississippi will be April 22-23 at Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Cost: Only \$1.00 reservation fee. Tickets for banquet on Friday night are 75c each. You will be guests in the local homes.

Reservations: Make reservations now—not later than April 8. For information and reservations write: Joel Ray, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Time: Registration begins at 10 a. m. Friday. Congress session begins at 2:30. Congress is over by 2:30 Saturday.

Rustam Zal will be there. He was born and educated in India and was formerly a member of the Parsis, followers of the prophet, Zarathustra.



Loyd Moon

At the time of his conversion he was professor of English, Literature at Morris College, Nagpur, India. His uncle is President of Central India, and his cousin is Chief High Priest of the Parsis. When he became a Christian he gave up his inheritance and his mother and sister who live in India, and chose to follow the Lowly Nazarene.

Rev. Loyd Moon, a Alabaman, will also be a leader at each congress. He is a missionary to Brazil and will shortly return to his work. Boys will certainly want to hear and get to know him.

Many others will be there. You dare not miss the Royal Ambassador "Truth or Consequences" at the congress.

Attend the congress most convenient to you.

### Three Additions In Calvary Revival

There were 3 young girls who came on profession of faith at the Revival meeting at Calvary Church, in Perry County.

Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor of Southside Church in Hattiesburg was the Evangelist. Dinner was spread on the ground the last Sunday, March 13th. Rev. O. B. Rennick is the pastor.

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### Preston Evangelist In Newton Revival

Dr. William Hall Preston was the evangelist for the revival at First Church, Newton March 13-20.

There were 33 for baptism and nine by letter as well as 14 rededications.

Music was conducted by J. T. Smith, Minister of Music of the church. Four choirs, adult, girls' ensemble, men's choirs and a chorale choir were featured.

Crowds were large. The morning services were conducted in Clarke College auditorium. Rev. Bob Leavell is the pastor.

### 14 Additions Seen In Spanish Fort Meet

There were 14 additions, eight of them for baptism, during the revival at Spanish Fort Church.

Rev. C. C. Carraway of Clarksdale, a former pastor, was the evangelist, and Rev. Rudy Duett, the pastor, led the music.

Attendance was good and in addition there were nine rededications.

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### Youth Revival Held At Harperville

During the week March 6-11 the Harperville Church had a youth revival. Fourteen were baptized and one transferred his church letter. Two young women surrendered to full-time Christian service and eighteen persons rededicated their lives. The team was made up of three Mississippi College students: Rev. John Compere, preacher; James Hayes, singer; and Dixie Smith, pianist. Rev. James Fancher is pastor.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Hebron, Webster Is No. 1126

Rarely does a church fail to adopt the EVERY FAMILY PLAN after having tried the Baptist Record on trial for a month or two.

Hebron Church in Webster County is no exception. Recently the church clerk, Bill Carson, sent a list of the families of the church asking that they get the Record for a few weeks so that they could become acquainted with it.

The result was the usual one. Hebron Church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan and now has 42 families receiving the Baptist Record.

Rev. James King is the pastor.

Record readers in Zion Association are now listed as follows: Alva, 21; Clarkson, 54; Cross Roads, 31; Double Springs, 16; Edgeworth, 12; Eupora, 167; Fellowship (Bellefontaine), 33; Harmony, 1; Lollar's Grove, 1; Mantee, 88; Mathiston, 75; Mt. Zion, 33; Mt. Vernon, 36; Monte Vista, 32; New Hope, 37; Cumberland, 20; Philadelphia, 14; Pilgrim's Rest, 43; Sapa, 1; Walthall, 2; Spring Hill, 19; Hebron, 42.

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### Bethlehem Is Back

Several years ago Bethlehem Church in Yazoo County had the EVERY FAMILY PLAN, but due to some local conditions it was dropped.

When Rev. M. M. Brown went there as pastor, he realized the need of the Record and lost no time in making an effort to get the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. This has been done and Bethlehem now has 33 families getting the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Yazoo County are now listed as follows: Bentonia, 66; Bethlehem, 33; Black Jack, 60; Center Ridge, 61; Concord, 55; Eden, 13; Hebron, 42; Holy Bluff, 68; Liverpool, 11; Melrose, 33; Oak Grove, 17; Ogden, 31; Oil City, 31; Providence, 11; Rocky Springs, 19; Sartartia, 45; Short Creek, 34; Tinsley, 1; Yazoo City, First, 451; Yazoo City, Calvary, 116; Yazoo City, Grace, 12.

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### Scotland Is No. 1127

Pastor H. B. Vinson hasn't changed since becoming pastor of the Scotland Church. Having had the Baptist Record in other pastorates, he knew its value. Although he has only been there a short time, he has already led the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Montgomery County are now listed as follows: SCOTLAND, 41; BETHSAIDA, 36; BETHLE-

### East Howard, Biloxi Breaks All Records

All previous attendance records of the East Howard Church, Biloxi, were broken Sunday, March 13, when the Sunday School went over its goal of 300 for Sunday School. The actual attendance was 302. The Training Union recorded an all-time high of 152 in attendance on the same day. These high attendance goals were set by the church leaders to climax the week of revival effort. Rev. John C. Hilbun, pastor of East Moss Point Church was the evangelist.

There were 21 additions to the church during the week, 12 by profession of faith, and 9 by letter. More than fifty Christians rededicated their lives to be soul winners and more consecrated in their daily walk.

Cecil Harper, Music and Educational Director, directed the revival choirs, and the visitation program. 599 personal contacts were made. Capacity crowds filled the church auditorium each night.

Rev. H. Fred Williams is the pastor. Charles Desporte is the Sunday School Superintendent, and Glenn Huffstetter is the Training Union Director.

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### Magee Church Has Successful Revival

The Magee church had one of its best revivals in the eight years of the present pastor, closing March 20.

Dr. S. R. Woodson of First Church, Columbus was the preacher. Along with seven who came a few Sundays before the revival, there are 25 to be baptized. Thirteen came by letter and there were three rededications.

Gene Hubbard led the music. Rev. J. B. Smith is pastor.

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### Elmo Church Has Young Evangelist

The Elmo Church has just closed a good revival. Rev. Pat Lofton of McCall, Miss., 18 years old, did the preaching.

Two made profession of faith and many rededicated their lives.

Rev. Sam Barfoot is the pastor and Mrs. Barefoot led the singing.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, Marks; Rev. Charlie Bryant, Hickory Flat; Mrs. H. L. Mullen, Vicksburg; Willie Gray Tucker, Vicksburg; Rev. Edward C. Farr, Macon; Rev. Evan Williams, Money; Rev. J. M. Metts, Winona.

HEM, 29; DUCK HILL, 97; Eskridge, 2; Hay's Creek, 1; Hebron, 1; KILMICHAEL, 75; MILLIGAN SPRING, 28; Mulberry (Lodi), 1; Mission, 1; POPLAR SPRINGS, 24; Shiloh, 5; STEWART, 36; WINONA, 284; POPLAR CREEK (NATION), 28.

Dr. C. E. Autrey will preach on the Baptist Hour on April 3 and April 17 in connection with the Simultaneous Revival Crusade. Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia will preach April 10 on the subject, "A Risen Christ for A Fallen World." On April 24 Dr. McClain will preach the initiate sermon in a series on the Ten Commandments - "No Other Gods Before Me."

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In a joint service the Harperville and Ridge Churches baptized 33 candidates at the Forest Church on March 20. These were some of the first of the Simultaneous Crusade which took place in Scott County March 6-20. All thirty-two Baptist Churches in Scott County cooperated in this crusade. James Fancher is pastor of both churches.

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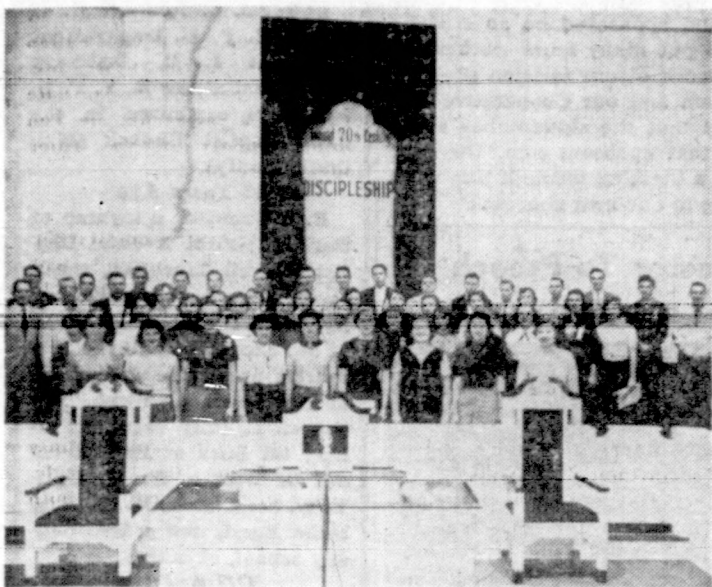
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## Baptist Student Union

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Pictured above is the State BSU Choir which provided special music at the State BSU Convention in Hattiesburg last December.

Many of these same students will likely be members of the State Choir which is to sing during the State Retreat for BSU Officers, April 15-17, in the First Baptist Church, Oxford.

Miss Iris Deane Starkey, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Columbus, is the Director.

Registration fees for the Retreat (\$2.00 each) are due in the hands of Miss Marian Leavell, Oxford, Mississippi, by April 12th.

### MISCELLANEA

Pastors, may we suggest a Youth-led Revival sometime during the summer?

Registration fees for Student

### MRS. IRENE COX McLEAN

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Irene Cox McLean, who passed away at her home at Doddsville, Mississippi, February 23, 1955.

She was the daughter of the late Rev. D. H. S. Cox and Mrs. Mary Cox.

She was born at Friars Point, Mississippi in 1896. Her father was pastor there for thirteen years.

She was married to R. D. McLean of Grenada in 1916. They made their home at Doddsville for thirty-eight years. He preceded her in death five months and both were buried in Lehigh Cemetery at Ruleville.

She is survived by her mother, one son, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Doddsville Baptist Church on February 25 by Rev. H. D. Smith, Pastor, with L. W. Rushing assisting.

Pall bearers were R. W. Elison, Marvin Dodd, Fred Stagg,

Retreat at Ridgecrest, June 9-15, are \$2.50 each and are due in our office by May 30th at the very latest. Besides college students and BSU workers, may we suggest that college pastors and high school seniors make their plans to attend.

Students feeling led of the Lord to do Youth-led Revival work this coming summer are urged to write us by April 1.

We appreciate the well-wishes of good friends upon the entering, not the ending, of our tenth year as Miss. BSU Sec'y.

Much prayer is accompanying the election of new BSU Officers in our 24 BSU's here in Miss. BSU Workers, when yours are elected, please send us names and college and home addresses.

The 10th annual National BSU Spring Retreat (for Negro college students) will be held at Wilberforce, Ohio, April 1-3.

## Man Of Distinction

The sellers of whiskey advertise that users of their products are "Men of Distinction." If the soldier discussed in the article below (clipped from the Jackson Daily News) were ever a man of distinction, he has certainly ceased to be one. He is now a man of extinction.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J. — A handsome young army veteran committed suicide in front of police yesterday after critically wounding his mother and then forcing a married couple at gunpoint to drive him around.

Charles Johnson, 20, fired a shot into his stomach as police were trying to convince him that his mother was still alive.

Johnson had come home drunk at about 1 a. m. and had an argument with his widowed mother, Mrs. Anna Johnson, 43.

R. L. Cooper, Ted Borodofsky, and W. R. Rice.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

April 4 — Mrs. Alma Chingo, William Carey College faculty; Rev. Herbert Savell, Tallahatchie County Association Sunday School Superintendent.

April 5 — Mrs. W. L. Compere, Carver School Trustee for Mississippi WMU; N. S. Hand, Lebanon Association Brotherhood President.

April 6 — Eldridge Ross, DeSoto Association Training Union Director; Lee Gallman, Director, Seminary Extension Department.

April 7 — Mrs. R. A. Heritage, Leflore Association Music Director; Dr. M. P. L. Berry, Mississippi College staff.

April 8 — Mrs. J. P. Hughes, Baptist Building; Rev. Foy Rogers, Pontotoc Association Missionary;

April 9 — Jimmy Bishop, Pearl River Junior College, State BSU Promotional Chairman; James Breland, BSU Director, Delta State College.

April 10 — Rev. W. Martin Smith, Chairman of Evangelism, Carroll County; A. E. Mason, Clarke College Trustee.

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### My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. Zella Magee, Tyler-town

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." (Isaiah 41:10, King James Version)

II. By Mrs. J. B. Massey, Holmesville

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found into praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:7, Scofield Reference Bible, New and Improved Edition)

III. By Mrs. Mattie R. Ainsworth, Crystal Springs

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26, King James Version)

IV. By Mrs. J. F. Guyton, Jr., Blue Mountain

"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1, King James Version)

Readers are invited to send their favorite Bible verse. The Baptist Record plans to publish four each week. When sending your favorite verse, address as follows: The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

## Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### OUR PAMPHLET MINISTRY

The Music Department is proud of the pamphlet ministry. We now have a large number of pamphlets to cover every area of the Church Music Program. These pamphlets are free. Make your request for a supply of pamphlets to the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson. Below you will find a list of some of the important pamphlets: MUSIC EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH, HYMN OF THE MONTH, A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR A BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT, EXPANDING THE CHURCH MUSIC PROGRAM, GRADED CHOIRS, SUGGESTED ORGANIZATION FOR THE CHURCH CHOIR, THE CHURCH CHOIR, THE CAROL CHOIR, THE CHERUB CHOIR, THE CELESTIAL CHOIR, THE CHURCH MUSIC RECORD SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT SONG LEADER AND PIANIST, THE CHURCH MUSIC TRAINING COURSE, PLANNING AND OPERATING A SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC, SEPTEMBER IS CHURCH MUSIC MONTH, and CHURCH MUSIC EDUCATION IN THE ASSOCIATION.

### SET UP THE CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Below are the steps necessary to set up the local Church Music Department:

### Music Department:

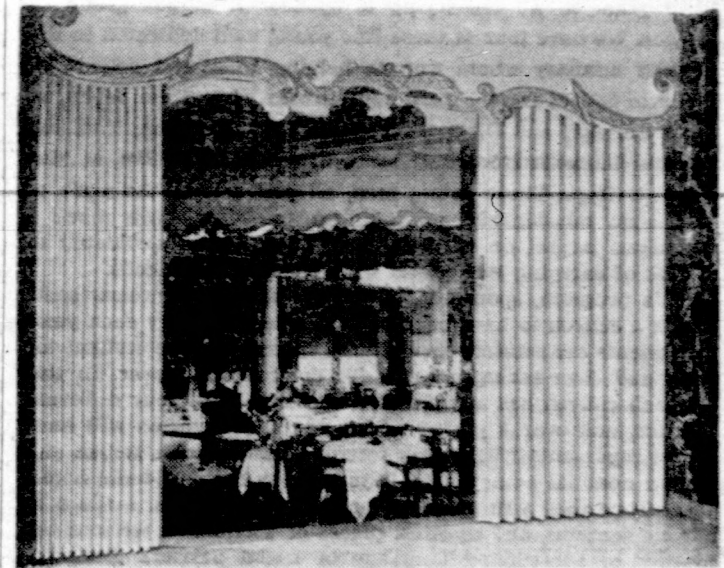
1. Establish the department by vote of the church in conference.
  2. Elect the Church Music Committee.
  3. Elect the Church Music Education Council.
  4. Organize at least two choirs.
  5. Adopt the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE and start working toward it.
  6. Co-operate with the music activities of the State Church Music Department.
- This organizational procedure is available in the pamphlet entitled MUSIC EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH.

### DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVALS JUST AHEAD

The District Music Festivals are approaching rapidly. Start your plans immediately to enter the festival with at least one choral group and four hymn players. The District Festivals for the first two weeks are listed below:

- April 11—Baldwin
- April 12—Ecku
- April 13—First, Columbus
- April 14—First, Grenada
- April 15—First, Louisville
- April 18—First, Yazoo City
- April 19—Moorhead
- April 20—First, Winona
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President Lowrey Compere of Clarke College, right, expresses appreciation to Rev. D. L. Stennis for the support his churches provide for foreign students at Clarke. Looking on are Humberto Soares, left, from Brazil, and Hiroshi Yano, of Japan. Each of the four churches of which the Reverend Mr. Stennis is pastor provides a \$300.00 scholarship each year for a foreign student. The two pictured above are students at Clarke, and two others, former Clarke students, are now in school at Mississippi College.

#### THE FOREIGN STUDENTS AND MY CHURCHES

By Rev. D. L. STENNIS

I am happy to give testimony concerning the Foreign Student Program as we are trying to sponsor it in our group of churches. We have four of these fine young men dedicated to the Christian ministry whom we are helping to attend college — Humberto Soares from Brazil, and Hiroshi Yano from Japan, at Clarke College; and Direk Arayakasol from Bangkok, Thailand and Anis Shorrosh from Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, at Mississippi College. These young men, all products of the work of our foreign missionaries on their native fields, have made a tremendous impact on our churches. They are all dedicated to the task of carrying the gospel back to their homelands.

This program, sponsored by groups of four churches each, permits a church to have contact with a new country each year. The students are rotated, each church sponsoring one student for a year and then taking another for the following year. In this way, each church has contact with students from four different countries, and over a period of ten years, the church will have lifetime representatives on ten foreign mission fields for an outlay of a nominal sum. These boys will go back to their homelands where they will serve as pastors of churches, leaders in their conventions, and in other places of usefulness, without the necessity of overcoming language or racial barriers that confront our people who go there to work.

Then there is a profit that comes to the school from the consecrated lives of these young men. In selecting these students, we were careful to find those who had been recommended by our own missionaries; who had an understanding of our mission program as it is carried out in their own countries. In reality, they become ambassadors or missionaries, selling our own program of missions to us. Our young people, by coming in contact with these boys, are made to understand the needs of other nations in a fashion that they could not otherwise be able to grasp.

We find also that through this contact, people who have been indifferent about missions are becoming so mission-minded that they are willing to support the whole program of missions in the church. We impress upon our people that this is not just a re chaneling of some of our mission funds from one place to

another. It must be an over-and-above proposition or we defeat our purpose before we are started. We feel that if this plan is worked carefully and prayerfully, we will be able to put trained native workers on our fields, using the schools, colleges, and seminaries which we already have. At the same time we will have a perennial school of missions here, and will have workers sympathetic with our way of doing things when they go back — able to pattern their work after our own Baptist work here. When these students are brought over and sponsored as an ABOVE gift proposition, we will be able to put many more workers on the field to work within the framework of our mission program as sponsored through our Convention and our Cooperative Program. Above all, we stress the fact that the student has a responsibility as well as the church that sponsors him. We hope that many other churches will find a blessing through this work that is proving such a great blessing to our own churches.

#### Missions Surveyed At Texas Meet

FORT WORTH, Tex. — (BP) — Past, present, and future in missionary work of Southern Baptists were described to several thousand persons who attended the World Missions Conference here.

First of its kind to be sponsored by a Baptist convention, it was held under auspices of Baptist General Convention of Texas. It was the outgrowth of an idea by Ed Laux, Baptist minister of Abilene, Tex.

About 5,000 persons — half of them young people — attended the opening conference session in Will Rogers Coliseum. They heard an address by Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and testimonies about foreign missions from several others.

Other thousands who attended mass meetings during the three-day conference and numerous smaller gatherings in local churches, learned:

1. That, according to Cauthen, more than money is needed to promote Baptist missions. He appealed for missionary volunteers.
2. That, while Christians are forbidden to enter many foreign lands as missionaries, they may enter as teachers, and it is imperative that they take advantage of these opportunities, according to Frank C. Laubach, New York, honorary president of World Literacy, Inc.
3. That work of Baptists and other evangelicals in Brazil has quickened the interest of Roman Catholics. This was reported by Edgar Hallock, Baptist minister and publisher in Rio de Janeiro.
4. That in home missions, Southern Baptists have made "phenomenal" gains in the Far West. Opportunities there and in the Great Lakes area are challenging and inviting, said Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

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Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bice, Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, have returned to the States on furlough and may be addressed at Box 1092, Gladewater, Tex. Mr. Bice is a native of Blue Springs.

#### Pastor To Preach At Harmony



Rev. T. E. Fant

The Spring Revival at Harmony Church, Laurel, begins April 3, and closes April 10. Construction of the church building will begin immediately following the Revival.

Pastor T. E. Fant, will do the preaching, and C. E. Mixon, the church song leader, will be in charge of the singing. Miss Jeanette Jones, Junior choir director, will direct the young people's choir.

Services will be held at 8:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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Douglas Avenue Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has just experienced the greatest revival since its organization six years ago. There was a total of 150 decisions for the Lord: 70 on profession and faith and baptism, 16 by letter and 64 dedications. The preacher for the meeting was Rev. T. E. Williams, Mississippian, pastor of the First Church, Hallandale, Florida. Rev. Zeno Wells, formerly of Mississippi, is pastor of the church.

#### 50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

J. L. BOYD Sr.  
50 Years Ago

Editor J. L. Johnson Jr. of the B. Y. P. U. Department says that J. B. Dunaway writes that a new B. Y. P. U. has been organized in the Enon Baptist Church (Walsh County).

40 Years Ago

B. F. Jamison, a layman of the Forty-First Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, sends to the Record a very interesting report of the activities

of the church and all the auxiliaries under the leadership of Pastor R. H. Webb. The church is fully organized along all lines of Baptist endeavor with a W. M. U., a Y. W. A., a G. A., R. As, Sunbeam Band, and a live Sunday school, et cetera.

25 Years Ago

A Quote: "A Negro paper, published in Nashville, Tennessee, the National Baptist Voice, has the largest circulation of any Baptist paper in the world. The circulation numbers 30,869."

The First Church, Hattiesburg, plans to build an \$80,000 auditorium to be joined onto the present building, the latter to be used as an educational building thereafter. Rev. T. F. Harvey is the pastor and Gaines Hightower the Sunday school superintendent.

Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Florida extends an invitation to all Southern Baptists attending the Convention in Miami to visit its campus. Graceville is located near the junction of the Florida-Alabama-Georgia lines. It is 575 miles from Graceville to Miami. The Institute will have very few facilities for guests at this time of year but will be happy to entertain over-night as many as possible and assist in making provisions for accommodations in this area for others. Address communications to President's Office, Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida.

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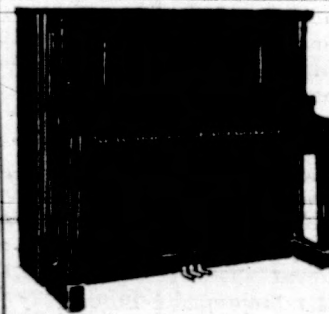
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### Attention Focused on Convention And Assembly Features

Our District Training Union Conventions will be starting on May 9 so it is time to really focus our attention on all of the Convention and Assembly Features. We need to send representatives to our associational Training Union elimination meetings in order to have representatives for the Convention and Assembly features at the District Training Union Conventions.

The Convention and Assembly Features include: Adult Mission Story Feature, Young People's Speakers' Tournament, Intermediate Sword Drill, Junior Memory Work Drill, and Primary Story Time. Leaflets with the instructions for all of these features are available upon request at the state Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Plan now to send your representatives to your District Training Union Convention. Below is listed the 1955 District Training Union Convention schedule. Notice the date, the district number and the place of meeting for your area.

#### DISTRICT TRAINING UNION CONVENTIONS 1955

Date	District Number	Place of Meeting
May 9	10	Raleigh, First
10	11	Bay Springs
12	12	Ellisville, First
13	9	Yazoo City, First
30	5	Holly Springs, First
31	6	Booneville, First
June 2	7	Houston, First
3	8	Beacon St., Philadelphia
6	1	Port Gibson, First
7	2	Second Baptist, Greenville
9	3	Charleston, First
10	4	Olive Branch, First
13	13 North	Poplarville, First
14	13 South	Gulfport, First
16	14	Prentiss, First
17	15	McComb, South

#### UNUSUAL STUDY RECORD

Since March 1954, Mrs. Vester Daffron, Route 4, Box 94A, Columbus, Mississippi, has taken books by the individual study method.

Mrs. Daffron is a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Lowndes Association. Her pastor is Rev. Detroy Bobitt.

In order to earn credit in the individual study method, it is necessary for an individual to read the book and to answer all the questions in the book or read the book and write up a development of the chapter outlines for each chapter in the book.

Ten books during the course of twelve months represents a great deal of study and as always a great deal of study represents a great deal of interest. We heartily commend Mrs. Daffron for this unusual study record in Training Union work.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Let's look ahead and fix these dates in our planning and place them on our calendars for emphasis: Baptist Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson, June 24. Mississippi Baptist Training Union Assembly, Camp Garaywa, August 15-20.

Assembly Note: We can care for only 300 people at our Training Union Assembly at

Camp Garaywa this year since we only have one week scheduled, Aug. 15-20. It would be well to mail in your reservations early. Send in the \$2.00 reservation fee to the Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson.

#### MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH HAS 1,127 IN TRAINING UNION

For the first time in its 52-year history, Main Street Baptist Church of Hattiesburg set a goal of 1,000 in Training Union and went over the goal. Sunday night, March 13 was the closing night of a revival meeting in which Evangelist Angel Martinez, Fort Smith, Arkansas, was the preacher. The high attendance goal was the challenge of the pastor, Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., and when the count was completed, 1,127 persons had come out for Training Union. The previous high attendance was 706 and the average attendance of the Training Union is 400. Sunday School attendance on March 13 was 1,302.

Mrs. H. R. McPhail is Training Union Director and A. D. Bates is Minister of Education.

This is the highest Training Union Attendance that we have heard about in Mississippi. If any Training Union has exceeded the attendance figure report-

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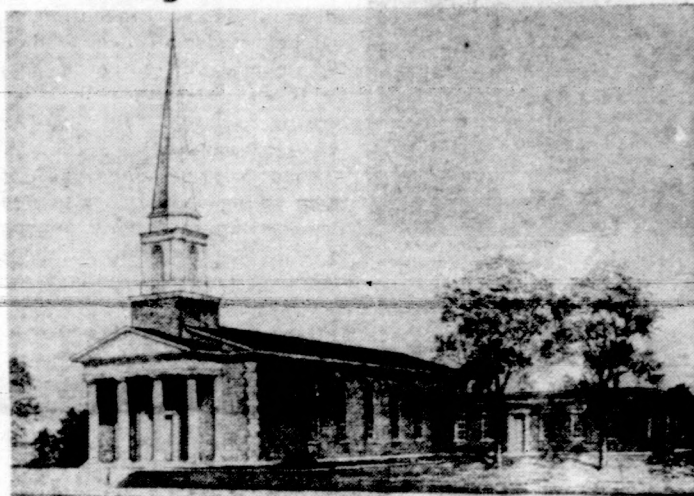
Shown above is a scene from the recent ground breaking service for an educational building at the Napoleon Church in Pearl River Association. The service was observed during the regular Sunday morning service with special service at the ground site.

Rev. D. Allen Brabham, form-

er pastor, brought the message and turned the first shovel of dirt.

Names from left to right are: Eddie Ruffin; Earl Breland; Rev. D. Allen Brabham; Rev. W. A. Fordham, pastor; Cliff Dawsey; and Elwin Walters. In the background are those who attended the services.

### Raleigh To Build New Church



The Raleigh Baptist Church let a contract on March 24 for a complete new church plant. The Base bid was \$92,000.

The church will house a new auditorium and will furnish a complete up-to-date educational plant all on one floor. The church will be built to accommodate 350 people. Construction is to begin on or before May 1.

The church has issued a series of bonds in the amount of

\$60,000 to construct the building, which is of Colonial design.

Rev. O. B. Robertson is pastor.

A release this month reporting on the alcoholic situation in France should bestir Americans in their fight against beverage alcohol. According to the report, personal consumption of alcohol in France now averages twenty-two quarts per man, woman, and child, more than any other country in the world. One in twenty-five adults is an alcoholic; alcoholics or their children produce 70-80 per cent of the nation's criminals; cost to government in caring for alcoholics is three times greater than tax income; and the twelve million Frenchmen employed in some way by the alcohol industry represent a mass of voters strong enough to defeat, by themselves, any alcohol control measures. Is America headed in the same direction?

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### THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Each spring we have twenty district conferences over the state. These have always been on consecutive weeks until year. The Crusade dates caused us to have to work in the conference dates this year with some other weeks between them.

The first two of these four weeks have been completed, and they both have been in North Mississippi. We shall have the two weeks for South Mississippi on April 11-15 and April 18-22.

The schedule for April 11-15 is as follows: Roxie, Monday; Central McComb, Tuesday; Tybertown, Wednesday; Crystal Springs, Thursday, and Clinton, Friday.

The April 18-22 week is: Monday, Immanuel, Hattiesburg; Tuesday, Gulfport, Broadmoor; Wednesday, Richton; Thursday, Raleigh; Friday, Magee.

The program begins each day at four in the afternoon and closes at nine in the evening, with the host churches serving lunch from 6:15 to 7:00.

The afternoon part of the program is devoted to Vacation Bible school work and the evening session to Sunday school. The evening session is largely a full scale presentation of the Sunday school by colored slides, giving it all the way from the Cradle Roll through the Extension departments.

Brother Superintendent, plan

to attend the one most convenient, and bring your workers with you. It will be helpful to all.

### NEW ALBANY STUDIES AND VISITS

Since beginning a systematic program of visitation a year ago, the men shown in the above picture have grown from a small number to 25 and more. They meet at 7:30 Sunday morning for breakfast, and then go out to visit absentees for the school before the session that morning. Within the year, the Sunday school has had an increase of 95 in enrolment, and these men have had a big part in it.

Lee Lunday is the superintendent.

Ninety-eight enrolled, over 90 average attendance, with 88 getting awards, was the good record in "Studies in Hebrews" in the New Albany First church, January 17-21, with Rev. J. N. Triplett, Blue Mountain pastor, teaching.

This business of studying and visiting make a mighty combination for building bigger and better Sunday schools. In fact, quite a bit more of both would help no little each year.

### AWARDS RECORDS FOR JANUARY, 1955

No. Awards For January 3,495  
No. Awards To Date ... 10,083  
No. Churches To Date ... 285  
No. Associations To Date 65

### HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Lauderdale ..... 280  
Hinds ..... 227  
Jones ..... 173  
Leflore ..... 157  
Lebanon ..... 147

### HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

Hattiesburg, Main St. ... 118  
Meridian, South Side ..... 97  
Jackson, Northside ..... 89  
Gulfport, First ..... 86  
Meridian, First ..... 85

### AWARDS FOR FEBRUARY, 1955

No. Awards For February 3,819  
No. Awards To Date ... 13,902  
No. Churches To Date ... 332  
No. Associations To Date 66

### HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Hinds ..... 858  
Pike ..... 236  
Lauderdale ..... 210  
Warren ..... 177  
Lebanon ..... 152

### HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

Parkway, Jackson ..... 270  
Calvary, Jackson ..... 188  
Jackson, First ..... 115  
Philadelphia, First ..... 77  
Gulfport, First ..... 75

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### REMEMBER RIDGECREST

Please keep in mind that we are running a bus to Ridgcrest for the first Sunday school week, August 11-17.

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### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

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Lawrence Stewart, First, Okemah, Oklahoma, from Cad-do, Oklahoma

C. W. Blaylock, Zee, Oklahoma

Newell D. Blaylock, First Wister, Oklahoma, from Liberty Hill, Oklahoma

Troy Chapman, Prairie View, Beckham Association, Oklahoma

Thel Smith, Panola, Oklahoma

Vernon Rowley, Locust Grove, Texas, from Durham, Oklahoma

Kenneth Newman, Oil City, Graham, Oklahoma

John Burrows, First, Stilwell, Oklahoma

Mac Roark, Ceren, Perry Association, Oklahoma

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### NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BS)

SB) — The Baptist Sunday School Board will have a Broadman Press edition of the "Baptist World Fellowship," by F. Townley Lord. The book is a history of the Baptist World Alliance from its beginning in 1905 in London, England, to this, its Jubilee year, and is being published by the Carey-Kingsgate Press, London, England. The book is scheduled for May 1 release and will be available at all Baptist book stores.

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### 26 Added During Ridge Revival

There were twenty-six additions to the Ridge Church in Scott County during their revival March 13-20. Nineteen of these were for baptism.

Pastor James Fancher did the preaching and Douglas Dodson led the singing.

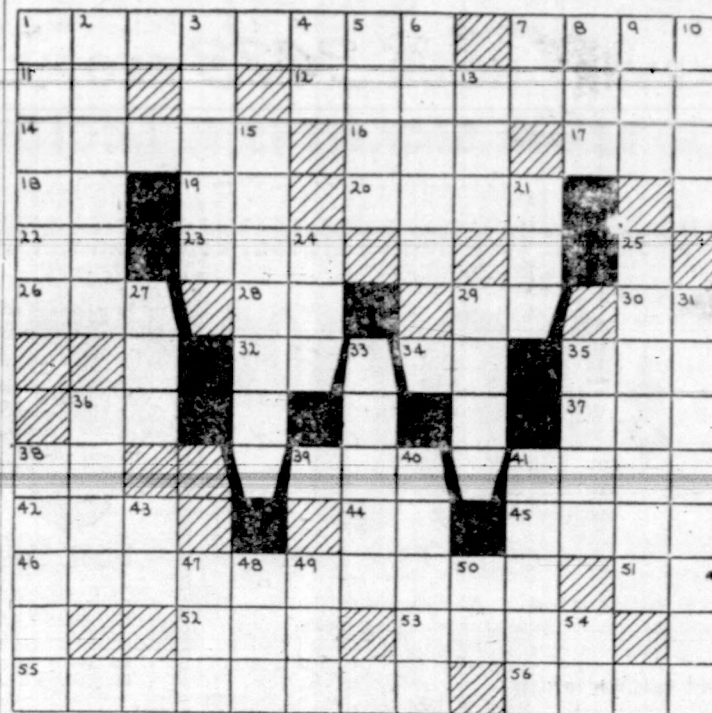
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### Twenty Added At Calvary, Greenville

Calvary Church, Greenville has just completed a successful revival campaign with Rev. J. W. Wood of Lumberton preaching and Joe Owens of the Greenville Air Force Base leading the music.

Dr. E. D. Elliott, pastor, reports 61 decisions, including 20 additions to the church, 38 for re-dedication and 3 for full-time Christian service.

At the Saturday evening service practically the whole membership renewed their loyalty to Christ and the local church. The Sunday School broke all attendance records with 210 attending classes. The Training Union had an excellent record with the Adult, Young People's and Intermediate Unions making standard grades.



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### ACROSS

- 1 "the third day there was a ...": 1
- 7 "in ... of Galilee": 1
- 11 Observation post (abbr.): 1
- 12 "and bear unto the ... of the feast": 8
- 14 Cultivates
- 16 Over (contr.): 1
- 17 Pennyweight (abbr.): 1
- 18 "Whatsoever ... saith unto you, do it": 5
- 19 Electrical Engineer (abbr.): 1
- 20 "but the servants which ... the water knew": 9
- 22 Established Church (abbr.): 1
- 23 Royal Red Cross (abbr.): 1
- 26 Thing (Law)
- 28 South Atlantic State (abbr.): 1
- 29 Transport and Supply (abbr.): 1
- 31 Railway (abbr.): 1
- 32 By
- 34 Exclamation of inquiry
- 35 Large snake
- 36 Height (abbr.): 1
- 37 Decay
- 38 Artificial language
- 39 Belonging to it
- 41 "saith unto him, They have no ...": 3
- 42 "he saith unto them, Draw ... now": 8
- 44 English translation (abbr.): 1
- 45 Hebrew measure
- 46 "the governor of the feast called the ...": 9
- 51 Reformed Presbyterian (abbr.): 1
- 52 Period of time
- 53 Close
- 55 "Jesus was called, and his ... s, to the marriage": 2
- 56 Bird's home

### DOWN

- 1 "and the ... of Jesus was there": 1
- 2 "containing two or three firkins ...": 6
- 3 "When the ... of the feast had tasted": 9
- 4 Adjutant General (abbr.): 1
- 5 and 9 down "but thou hast kept the ... wine until ...": 10
- 6 "... man at the beginning doth set forth": 10
- 7 Credit (abbr.): 1

8 "... they bare it": 8

- 9 See 5 down
- 10 Skills
- 13 Before
- 15 "His mother saith unto the ... s": 5
- 21 See 33 down
- 24 Household pet
- 26 Singer
- 27 "doth ... forth good wine": 10
- 29 "... that which is worse": 10
- 31 Fill the ... s with water": 7
- 33 and 21 down "the ... that ... made wine": 9
- 35 "And they filled them up to the ...": 7
- 36 "mine ... is not yet come": 4
- 38 Dressed
- 40 "six waterpots of ...": 6
- 41 "... what have I to do with thee": 4
- 43 Seventh tone of the scale
- 47 Twelfth month (abbr.): 1
- 48 Son of Gad Gen. 46:16
- 49 Opening
- 50 Old English (abbr.): 1
- 54 Second tone of the scale

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Mississippi Baptist Hospital has been designated as "Fully Accredited" by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, according to an announcement by W. Wilson Turner, Administrator.

This is the highest rating given hospitals by the commission. Mississippi Baptist is one of ten in the state which received such designation. The joint commission is a national organization charged with the responsibility of establishing standards for hospitals and conducting periodic inspections to determine compliance with such standards.

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### New Zion Church, Choctaw

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## Sunday School Lesson

By  
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For April 3, 1955

### THE CROSS AND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Bible Texts: John 12:20-26; II Corinthians 5:14-19; Galatians 2:20, 21; 6:14-17.

#### INTRODUCTION

We have been for some time now considering the doctrines that distinguish the Christian religion, or the basic teachings of our faith, and now we come to what is undoubtedly the most important of all—the Cross and the Resurrection of Christ. The Bible texts from which we take this lesson have in them reflections from the Cross, but no direct passages concerning the Crucifixion. These passages form a background and foundation of Christian life and discipleship. The cross is indeed one of the most important subjects contained in our Christian teaching.

One has but to read the gospels and note in his reading how over and again the Lord taught the young man whom he chose to be with him the basic truths of our religion. When other features of his work, healing the sick, casting out demons, feeding the hungry, consoling the sorrowful, interfered with his greater work of teaching his disciples, he retired with them from the centers of population and the presence of the multitudes that he might have them in quietness and alone. What would Christian faith and life be like without discipleship in the meaning of the cross?

#### I. THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

John 12:20-26; II Corinthians 5:14-19. 1. The heinousness of sin. The seriousness, the deadliness, the awful malady of sin is declared by the cross. The terrible lengths to which God went to save man from sin are measured by the cross. We may reverently say that God is this world's greatest economist. He would not prescribe so great a transaction as that of the cross to meet a minor need.

2. It declares the grace of God. Our sin is that which separates us from our God. As long as grace stands a barrier between us and God, there is no chance of a peaceful approach to Him. As long as the thick cloud of sin veils our eyes we can never see God's smiling face. But the grace of God can dissipate the cloud and break down the barrier.

3. The cross declares the love of Christ. The strength and ardency of love is known by the extent to which it will make sacrifice. "Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends."

4. It provides the way of salvation. There is no other way of salvation but His grace, and that way leads by the cross.

#### II. HOW THE BENEFIT OF THE CROSS IS SECURED BY SINFUL MAN

"Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit. He that loveth his life loseth it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." (John 12:24-25).

This statement came from the lips of our Lord at His hearing that "certain Greeks" were inquiring for Him, seeking an interview with Him. He saw in their seeking Him the beginning of His drawing all kinds of men unto Himself. He laid down here the conditions upon which man draws nigh to Him.

It is the law of sacrifice unto harvest. A bean or a grain of wheat planted in the earth gives up its individual being in order to produce a bean stalk or a stalk of wheat, and there is a respect in which human life is like these. He that selfishly saves his life assuredly loses it. He who would preserve his life unto eternity will yield it in this world in complete sacrifice to Christ and the gospel. The difference between the grain and the human life is the element of voluntariness. Man chooses to retain or to yield his life. Give attention to these:

(a). There is a choice to be made, and that choice is inevitable. Each one is bound to choose. Not to choose is to make a choice. It was in respect of the necessity that our Lord declared "He that gathereth not with me scattereth."

(b). The choice of Christ is costly. The world has many things desirable to the worldly man to offer in exchange for his devotion to it. The devil has many fleshly pleasures to offer anyone who will serve him. Put yourself in the place of a young man of unusually attractive qualities of personality to whom the world holds out bright promise of social and financial success, and before whom there suddenly appears the dividing of the way with the consequent necessity of choosing the world and all it promises and turning his back upon Jesus; or of forsaking the world, its promise of high position in society and marked success in business that he may walk the thorn-bordered way with Jesus. The choice of the best is costly.

(c). But the reward for this surrender complete unto Christ is infinitely greater than any advantage he may have foregone in the choice of Jesus. What thing that the world can offer, that the devil can offer even, "all the kingdoms of the earth and the glory of them,"

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can compare for one moment with the glory and rapture of eternal life with God and the glorious host of his redeemed?

#### III. DISCIPLESHIP THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE INHERITANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE

(II Corinthians 5:14-19.) "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; And he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again." Our brother Paul is saying that the death on behalf of man lays the man redeemed by the death of Christ under an inescapable obligation to live his life in service to his Lord. The redeemed man has become by the fact of that redemption another man, a new man. "If any man is in Christ he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new." Here he has said that the man himself is a new man not only, but that the whole creation is new.

He is a new man unto whom the world is a new world. He is a new man in whose eyes "all things are of God." Everything in the cosmos from the tiniest grain of dust to the lordliest star that lights the broad expanse of the Father's boundless blue above is under the control of God and is being used by His power to work His inexorable and righteous will.

A new message. He "Gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation." Before we were ourselves reconciled unto God, any message we had for the world was of another sort; but since our reconciliation to Him, we have a new message for the world, the message of grandest meaning that human minds can think or human tongue express. A new relationship to God and Christ.

"We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ." Paul has said here that every Christian on earth occupies a royal position because of his reconciliation to God. Every Christian, the humblest to the highest, is an accredited ambassador from the court of heaven to the court of Mansoul.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

#### Loving Enemies

Question: The Bible says for us to love our enemies. Does God expect us to love our enemies as much as we love our families and friends? Did Jesus love Judas and his enemies as much as he did his Father and his other disciples?

Answer: Yes, Jesus loved Judas. But love is not the same as like, nor the same as friendship.

Love is the warm acceptance of a person as he is. We must take people as God gives them to us. There must be interest in, concern for, and appreciation of an individual with all of his distinctive qualities.

I admit that it is hard to love those who threaten, or hurt, or dislike us. It is especially hard to love someone who has injured or made us unhappy.

Let's look at it this way. We are placed in a world of persons—children, crooks, hypocrites, saints, and God himself. If we

Wildwood Church, Laurel, held revival services March 6-13. Rev. T. R. Coulter was the evangelist and R. K. Walin directed the singing. There were 27 professions of faith and 13 additions by letter. Rev. J. M. Foy is the pastor.

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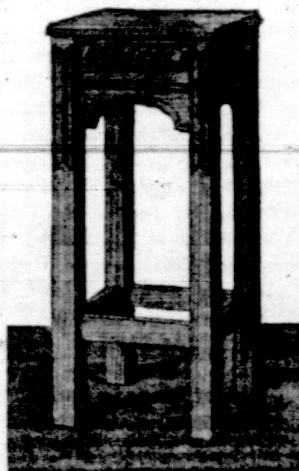
The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Marshall County Association which met in 34th annual session with the Holly Springs and Byhalia Church on September 15-16, 1954. The next meeting is to be held with the Holly Springs and Cornersville Churches in September, 1955. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

relate ourselves to those who are like us or who help us, we form friendships. If we relate ourselves to a person of the opposite sex about our own age, we have a courtship. But if we relate ourselves in a negative way to other persons, we have war, quarrels, isolation, loneliness, and divisions.

The Christian ideal is community. We need to belong. Only love can join that which belongs together. And love means listening, talking, serving, helping, and being helped. Love is the cement that joins those who have been separated by misunderstanding, difference in temperament, color, or religion. Love your enemies. See?

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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During the first two weeks of the simultaneous revival efforts, 75 members of the Clarke College faculty and student body took part as preachers, musicians, or personal workers. There was a total of 392 decisions made in the various meetings held.

Brookhaven Central Church has just closed its Revival. The pastor, Dr. W. T. Waring was the Evangelist. There were three by letter and five by Baptism. Many rededicated their lives to His service.

Oakland Church has voted to increase the Cooperative Program percentage from 10 to 15 per cent and to give \$75 to the Baptist Hospital Fund. Rev. C. W. Sheffield is the pastor.

Howard Pyle, a Baptist layman and former governor of Arizona for two terms, has been made an administrative assistant by President Eisenhower to serve as a presidential liaison representative with the Federal departments and agencies.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Jeanette Jones, Doris Riles, Rev. Tommy Fant, Laurel; Helen Jean Pierce, Ellisville; Rev. and Mrs. A. L. O'Brian, Grenada; Peggy Jones, Clarke College, Newton; Betty Ann Burnside, Biloxi; Mona Rae Nordan, Biloxi; R. Lee Gallman, Jr., Jackson; Judith Dean Gallman, Jackson; Lamar Thompson, Mississippi College, Clinton; Steve Gardner, Louin; Mrs. Maxine Shepherd, Jackson; Rev. B. Dofus Hardin, Maben; Mrs. J. S. DeFoore, Sidon; Mrs. Harold Hemmes, Greenwood; Rev. F. L. Warren, Shaw; Rev. L. J. Crumby, Sunflower; Dr. W. T. Waring, Brookhaven; Mrs. Wallace Harrell, Hattiesburg; Mrs. M. R. Shirley, Hattiesburg; Harry Shirely, Hattiesburg; Mrs. O. J. Eubanks, Hattiesburg. Rev. Ivan Lowery, Brookhaven; Rev. Charles Eueritt, Merigold.

Rev. M. C. Barton who was recently licensed to preach by the Calvary Church, Bolivar County has been called to the pastorate of the Wade church in Sunflower County.

Rev. J—ohn House has resigned the pastorate of the Centerfield church and has moved to Kansas.

Rev. A. W. Talbert, pastor Macedonia Church, Lincoln County, will be with First Church, Monette, Ark., in its revival April 11-20.

Opportunities offered for promoting Christian action and thinking are too great for any conscientious church to ignore the use of publicity.—Practical Church Publicity by Richmond O. Brown

I divided the world in three classes — the few who make things happen, the many who watch things happen, and the overwhelming majority who have no notion of what happens. — Nicholas Murray Butler

The purpose of church publicity is to increase the growth of God's work on earth. Publicity has performed this task time after time where churchmen have given it a healthy chance. It has failed often where its techniques and possibilities were not understood.—Practical Church Publicity by Richmond O. Brown

There are thirty-three Baptist hospitals in twelve states, operated by the state Baptist conventions or the Southern Baptist Convention. These hospitals have a property valuation of \$80,232,825. Operating receipts for 1954 were \$45,930,407 and receipts from the denomination were \$1,712,857. Nurses in training last year numbered 2,521. There were 306,000 patients cared for last year and 50,764 babies were born in these hospitals.

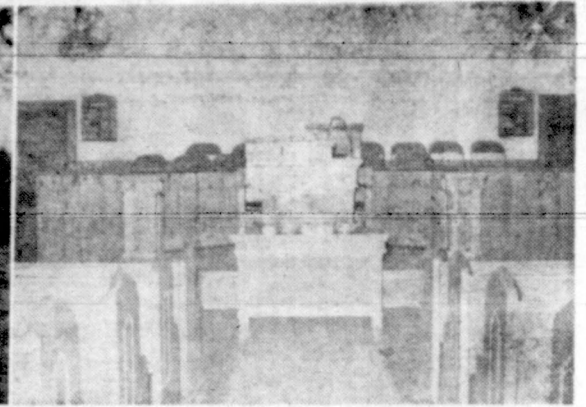
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Most of us have rather vivid recollections of revival meetings when some fiery evangelist would preach "fearlessly" against sin. In thunderous tones he talked about drinking and gambling, card-playing and profanity and all the sins of the flesh. He would tell about the terrible hell that such sinners were going to, and he would use high pressure methods to get the sinners to "hit the sawdust trail." Occasionally some sinner would be converted with blessed results, but usually such a revival left the church and the community worse off than before. It is true that there were people who committed those sins. But they were not the only sinners. In fact they were not the worst

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Shown above is an inside and outside view of the new Pilgrim's Rest church in Zion Association, recently dedicated. The church was organized in 1898 and this is its third building.



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## Martin Accepts Crestwood Call



Rev. Robert Martin

Rev. Robert Martin, for nine years pastor First Church, Batesville, has accepted the call of Crestwood Church, Jackson, and will begin there May 15.

He will succeed Rev. A. B. Pierce who resigned recently to accept a pastorate out of the state.

The work at Batesville has grown considerably. The membership has grown from 344 to 824 and an \$80,000 annex has been completed.

The Rev. Mr. Martin is a native of Clinton and is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary.

He has been active in denominational affairs, being at present secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and was formerly a member of the State Board from Panola County.

sinners. And such preaching not only failed to save those who needed saving the most; it made them more complacent and self-satisfied. The hardest people to reach with the love of God are not the bad people. They know they are bad. They have no defense. The hardest ones to win for God are the self-righteous people.—From WHEN THE HEART IS HUNGRY by Charles L. Allen (Fleming H. Revell Company)

THE DEVOUT LIFE, arranged and edited by Thomas S. Kepler, contains selections from three devotional classics: Francois de Sales' INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE, THEOLOGICA GERMANICA, and FRANCOIS FENELON. The first deals with the meaning of true devotion, meditation on God, and the victories of a Christian. The second, which influenced Martin Luther, deals

with God, man, sin, eternity, goodness and the path to perfection. Third, Dr. Kepler has chosen from FRANCOIS FENELON selections which make practical applications to the devout life, as: "If you wish to love God, why should you spend your life in friendship with those who do not love Him and who slight His Love." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from THE UPPER ROOM, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. The price is 35 cents per copy or 3 for \$1.

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## Value Of A Camp Program

Editor's note: In view of the interest now being shown in a Mississippi Assembly we believe our readers will read this article with interest and profit. It was first published in the March issue of the Baptist Program. The author, Rev. Carl P. Davis, is pastor of the Antioch Church Nashville, Tennessee.

"Do Baptists have the right to spend money on summer assembly or camp programs?"

This honest question which the president of one of our leading Baptist colleges asked himself has been and should be now in the mind of every pastor. Your answer will determine your interest in this summer's activities.

"There was a time when I felt church sponsored camps were not justified," he said, "because I reasoned thus: A Christian has no right to spend money on that which is solely a luxury, neither does a Christian group; a camp is a luxury, and therefore, a church does not have the right to spend money that way."

"But I have changed my mind since coming to this college," he hastened to say. "Why? Because one student has told that he surrendered to Christ at an R.A. camp, another related her life surrender while attending a G. A. camp. A ministerial student testified of life commitment during attendance at Ridgecrest. After many similar testimonies I have come to regard our summer camps and assemblies for their value as enlistment activities of Christian service and the denomination. I feel certain this is a very worthwhile investment.

The first service which you as pastor can render the cause of camps and assemblies is to inform your people concerning what is provided for them. Much information is available but the average church member will pay it no attention unless you and your organizational leaders call attention to the activity. Does your association have a camp program? Or your state? What's going on at Ridgecrest and Glorieta? Know what is available! Tell your people about it. Give places and dates. Also know your camps. Learn what to expect and what to recommend. This is important because you do not want to urge attendance if the accommodations are questionable. Sanitation, water supply, housing, medical care, supervision — these are sample considerations which need attention along with the training program.

Your second service is to help answer the question, "Where should I go?" This guidance will be sought by every age group. It will be your privilege to help Juniors and Intermediates realize that attendance at a state camp or assembly is very helpful because of the contacts and resulting

friendships. Likewise urge the leaders to understand that the leadership training is not "kid stuff" but a very worthwhile and challenging program.

Adult camps are growing more popular. These assume many forms. Perhaps it is the Business Women's Circle which uses the facilities for a weekend. Or it may be the Brotherhood has a convention during the camping season.

How does a church camp justify its existence? And why suggest that your people use the camps? In dealing with these questions the pastor renders the third service. Let us look at the matter realistically.

1. There is a trend toward concentration of population. The crowds of people mean that the individual is hardpressed for solitude. Peace and quiet are getting more and more elusive. The church camp offers relief.

2. There is a need for the tonic of wider Christian fellowship. Brother pastor, you know how much good it does you to have that fellowship at conventions and association meetings. Well, that fine boy, girl, man or woman needs to meet that equally fine person from another community and know that there are kindred souls who have a concern for the coming of the Kingdom of God — that all is not lost.

3. In this age of budgets and banners, programs and pleas, young and old alike need to rub elbows with our denominational leaders and missionaries that there may be the realization that all are flesh and blood people.

4. In the environment of the camp there is the challenge of overcoming the difficult. In the program of the camp and assembly there are emotional experiences which are necessary for fully developing the human soul. What an uplift comes from the camp or assembly experience.

5. In the call for surrender to Christian service the door is opened for fuller experience. This is the harvest of the seed which you have sown. After the harvest let us remember to conserve the results. May we not neglect so great an opportunity!

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## WMS In Georgia Propose Amendment

MACON, Ga. — (BP) — Nine societies of the Macon Baptist Association are proposing an amendment to the bylaws of Woman's Missionary Union which would limit the terms of office.

The amendment is to be considered at the annual WMU meeting in Miami in May.

The proposed amendment (Article IV, Officers, Section 2) reads:

"The officers shall be elected at the annual session and, with the exception of the presidents

## Salem, Covington County, Plans New Building



Shown above is the building committee of the old church building will be demolished and a new church plant erected. It will be of brick veneer and in addition to the usual facilities will contain a kitchen, dining hall, and recreation area.

Speed. Rev. Robert H. Ledbetter is the Pastor. The church plans to start construction in 1956.

## Why I Believe In God The Creator

By WILLIAM L. LUMPKIN

Human reason requires that men inquire into the origin of things. Human reason unaided cannot, however, fully discover the truth concerning God as the Creator. We observe that all creation is marvelously designed and arranged, and we conclude that there must have been a mind of infinite competency and power to create or cause all things to exist. Everywhere we

meet with traces of benevolent design which suggest to us the thought of the Creator God. Matter is not eternal — it had a beginning, and therefore a source — and so we seek to as-

and vice-presidents, shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. The president shall hold office for four years and cannot be re-elected for more than one term of office. The vice-presidents shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected, unless in the interim between annual sessions, their respective state elects a new president; the newly elected state president shall fill the unexpired term. The term for officers shall begin at final adjournment."

The amendment will require a two-thirds vote for approval.

Under present bylaws, all officers but vice-presidents are subject to annual election but there is no restriction of the number of terms they may serve.

cent from nature to nature's God. Physicists today point to a divine reason as the basis of the world which they discover through science. But men may know the order and laws of the universe without knowing Whose order and laws they are.

I do not hesitate to accept the biblical account of creation. Fundamentally, however, my belief that God is Creator is based upon personal revelation; it is thus an article of faith. The New Testament boldly claims God's creatorship as a doctrine peculiar to revelation: "Through faith we understand that the world came into being by the command of God, so that what is seen does not owe its existence to that which is visible" (Heb. 11:3).

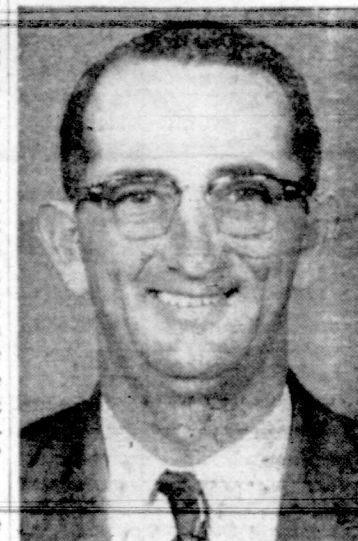
The Christian recognizes the author of the New Creation as the author of the old. Because I know Christ as absolute Lord of all, I know his as Creator.

I know Jesus Christ as the loving God who wills to communicate himself. In communicating himself the world exists. It may be said truthfully that the Christian does not know God's method of creation, but he does know God as Creator. He knows also that the revelation of God in creation derives its being from the Eternal Son. The Scripture declares, "For in him were all things created . . . and through him and unto him. . . and in him all things hold together." The re-creation of the soul is, from my point of view, the best explanation of the creation of the universe.

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## Center Hill Dedicates New S. S. Rooms



Rev. L. W. Frederick

Center Hill Church in Pontotoc County dedicated some new Sunday School rooms Sunday afternoon, March 27. The pastor, Rev. L. W. Frederick, was in charge of the services and gave the history of the construction of the rooms.

Rev. W. C. Bryant, pastor of the Locust Hill Church, gave the history of the Center Hill Church from its organization until the present. Mr. Bryant organized the Church.

The County Missionary, Rev. Foy Rogers, brought the dedication sermon. Mr. Frederick has been pastor of the church for the past one and one-half years. He led the people in paying for the rooms as they were built. The cost was about \$1300.

Mr. Frederick is also pastor of the Cherry Creek Church in Pontotoc County, and now lives on the field. Both of the Churches are participating in the Simultaneous Revivals March 27-April 10.